

THE
LAST HOUERS,

Of the Right Reverend Father in God

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Professour Honorable of Divinity, in
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late High and Mightie P. William by
the Grace of God Prince of Orange, in
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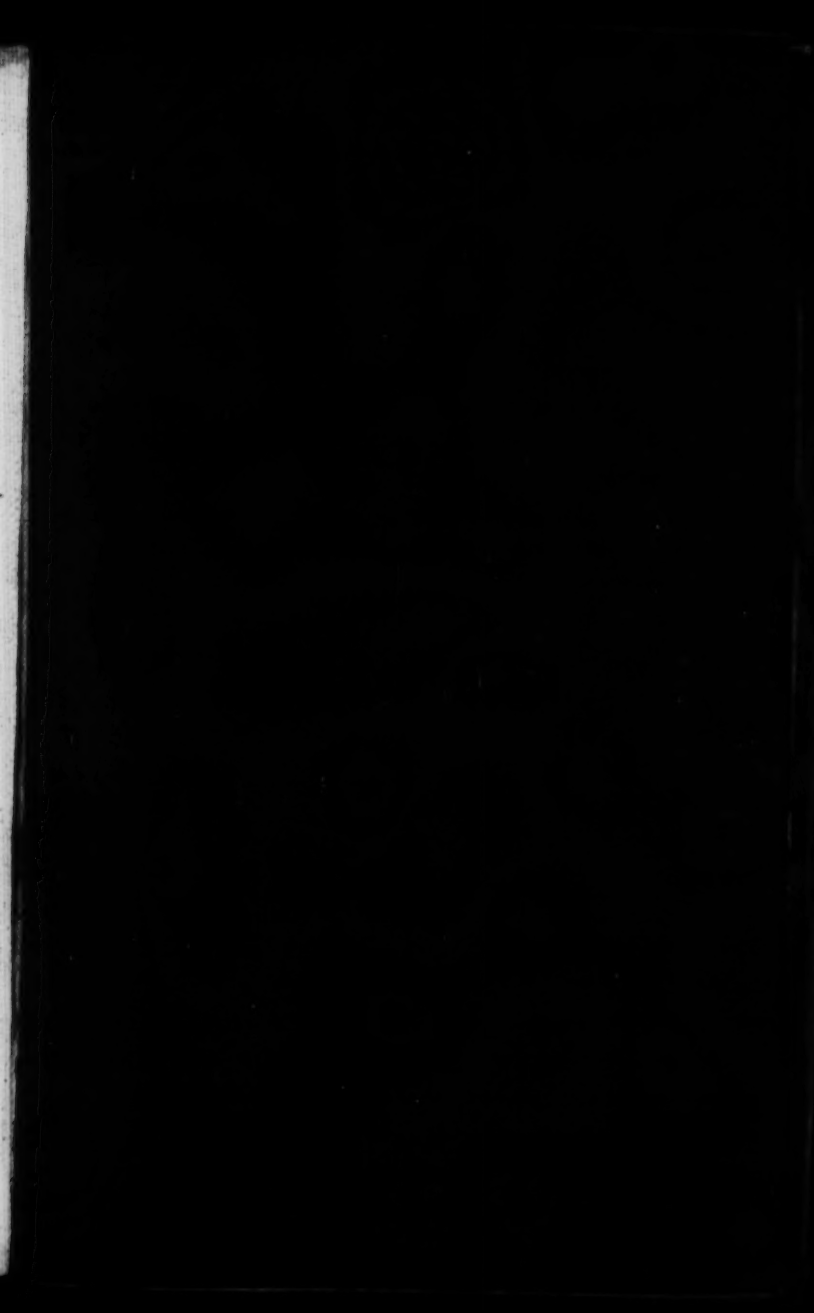
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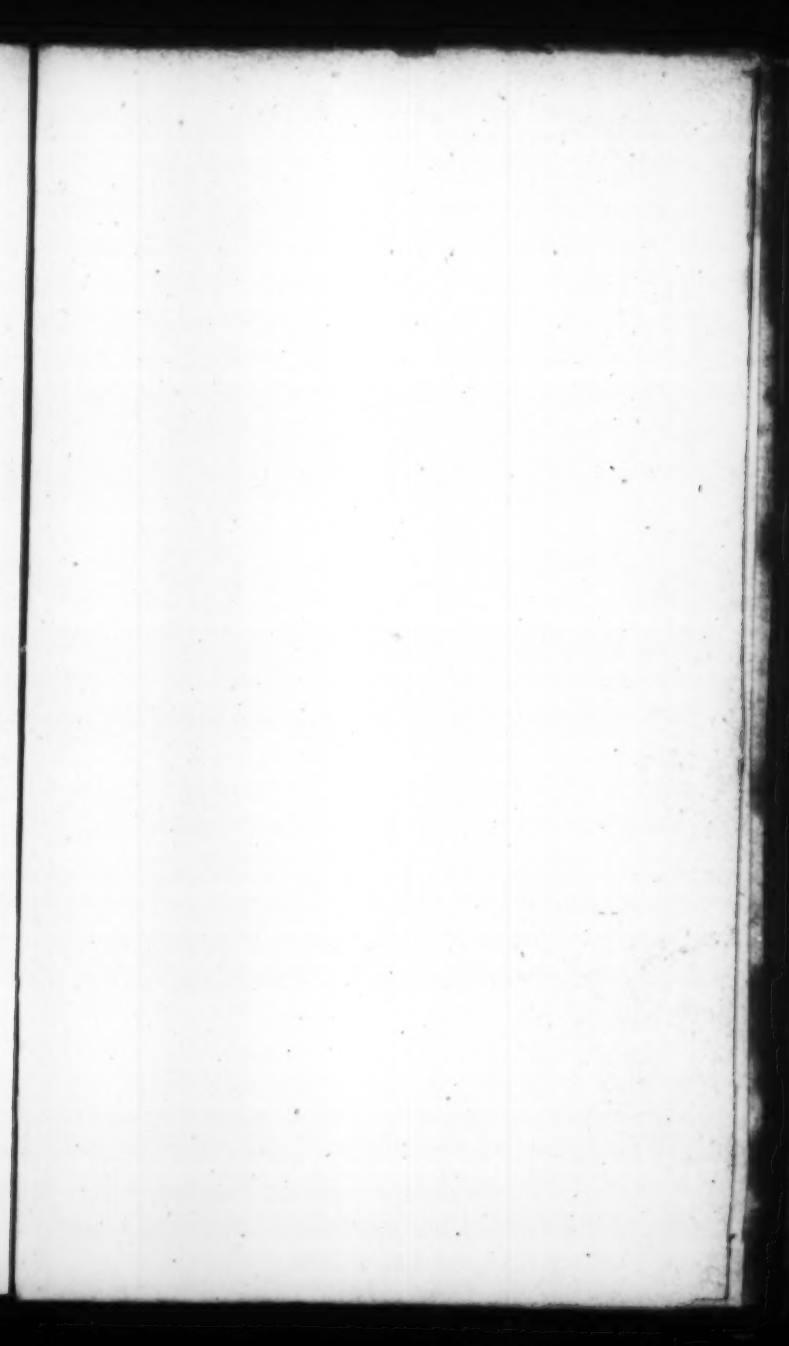
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Belgicarum.

Disputationum Theologica
adversus Pontificios I
dem I. de S. Scriptura.

in effigiem Reverendi viri D. FESTI HOMMI.

esarum sacra pax cum rumpitur,
vire promptum est pluribus victoriam,
operare cuiuslibet non est datum.
tis alta id, proximaque numini,
nata civium. Has dotes ego
us in ore maximi FESTICOLOR.

PETRVS CVNÆVS I

io tutam facile est defendere causam.
Ausus es esse bonus tempore, FESTE, malo.
sub ARMINIO gerneret cum Belgicus orbis,
drapuit navem tanta procella tuam.

Tibi veritatis fortis adsertor DEI,
Keginsch, scripsit hæc lubens tuus
THOMAS GOADVS, Anglus, in Synodo co

TE infeste malis, sed Grate DEO que, pijsque,
m pro cælesti verosis fortis Athleta,
aliquo numero sinceros inter amicos
elis, fidei unius quos copula iungit,
bi, FESTE, diu redeat lux festa quotannis.

RODOLPHVS GOCLEN
Senior

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PIÆ MEMORIÆ,
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D. ANDREÆ RIVETI

Sammaxentini, Pictavi, Theologorum
fui Seculi facile Principis.

Hunc cineri RIVETE tuo LAUDERVS honorem
Dat meritum, ductu Pastor, amore Parens
Quod tu laude tua Patriam, sermone beasti
Battaviam, scriptis solis utrumque latus.
Te Roma timuit rabies, post fata timebit
Vana superstitio, sed colat alma Fides.
Hostis ab insidiis tenerum defendere cœtum
Primaque res superum pandere cura fuit.
Sed non aqua tibi potuit quia reddere tellus
Accipe plura Polo premia digna piis.

Mœrens posuit Humillimus tanti
Viri cultor.

G. L.



THe multitude and varietie of memorable things fitt to be inserted into this Relation, doth at the verie first astonish us, mistrusting both our expressions and memory, and fearing to abate of there worth by our inefficiencie, we wish that some learned hand would undertake the task. But seing the whole busines is concerning the thing done, and which cannot be rejected but by those, who were both eye and eare witnesses, wee acknowledge our selves for the satisfaction of our freinds obliged to doe at least our endeavours, choosing rather to leave out and pass over silence the things wherof wee haue only a confused remembrance, and content our selves with the simple and plaine truth, according as it hath been preserved to us by the memoire of some and the diligence of others who did write many of those worthy speeches as they flowed from that sanctified mouth. But our care be never so great, yet can wee not give his words there owne weight and vigour, for who is able

to follow or keep in minde a flood of heavenly Discourses which for twelſe dayes together and as many nights without any great intermiſſion flowed continually? Or who can represent unto the life, and motions of a minde raviſhed in meditation? And in which the Spirit of God did poure ſo many powerfull and lively expreſſions according as Hee was diſturb'd and moved with ſorrowe, feare, hope, and Joy?

It ſhall not be amiſſe perhaps to begin this Relation with a ſhort Deſcription of the diſpoſition of the Spirit of the perſon, and ſome circumſtances which occurred a few moneths before his ſickneſſe to the end wee may the better obſerve the diſpenſation of God and his ineſtimable grace toward this His Servant.

Besides all the rare qualities wherewith Hee was endowed (which wee doe not intend heere to ſet forth) he had that ſpeciall gift of God to poſſeſſe in a ſtrong and healthfull body, a cheerfull peaceable and calm ſoule, He enjoyed all things with pleaſure and thank giving, & could looſe them with but liſtle regret, conſidering alwaies in a profitable meditation the vanity of all things, and did often repeat that ſentence Things viſible are for a time, but the things which are not viſible are eternal. Harſh accidents whether publick or private did not ſurpriſe Him; neither there ever appear any change in his ordinary con-

All things are possible, *Would he say, I wonder*
nothing. Nor did He ever burst out into great
as many, for He looked upon all the things of the world as
dangling and transitory, nothing was ever seen in this
life, world that did more sensibly touch Him, then the
And the Death of the Prince, to whom he had the Honour
to give his first education, not for any particular in-
dividual (as He many times protested) but because He
loved him, Honoured Him, and Hoped that
God would preserve his Person many yeares as a
happy and profitable instrument for the good of the
State & Church. Since that losse Hee seemed to be
weaned from the things of the world, & did many
of his friends speak of them with a great distaste, & often in-
terrupting the ordinary Readings of Scripture in his
family, hee caused to be read some choice Chapters, as
Job. the 3. of Ecclesiast. the 49. and 144.
Psalmes, falling afterwards upon such purposes as
could show the subject of his ordinary meditation. The
last week of his health walking one day with a friend
in his garden wherein hee tooke great pleasure and
having given order what should be done unto some of
the Trees, he said, if I live untill the spring this
shall be my delight, & if not, I shall be lodged
in a garden farremore pleasant. When his
friend replied, that there was no such likelyhood in all

appearance so soon, he chid him, saying, He must
 never speak unto him in that straine, and
 that he was now come unto an Age where
 Death was certainly neare at hand, & that
 it was his chiefe meditation, that God was
 his witnes every day, hee was so well re-
 solv'd that with great Ioy & no regret at
 all, Hee was readie to depart this life, not
 after any time, but even that verie day if
 such were the good will & pleasure of God.
 The same day hee was desired by Monsieur Hulsin
 ordinaire Preacher of the French Church, to give
 them a Sermon upon the Sondag following being Christ-
 mas day, for a thanksgiving after the holy Communion
 which was to be celebrated the forenoon, hee accepted
 the charge. & chused his Text out of the 144. Psalm.
 3. & 4. vers. O Lord what is man that Thou
 takest knowledge of him, Or the sonne of
 man that thou makest account of him? man
 is like to vanitie, his daies are as a shaddowe
 that passeth away. Whereupon he said unto a fami-
 liar freind of his, that though he had laboured to pitch
 upon some other passage of Scripture, He found him-
 selfe never the lesse, so powerfully drawne to the me-
 ditation of that, as he could not fix upon any other.
 Sondag being come he made a Sermon where the as-
 sistence

stance of Gods Spirit did manifestly appeare, He
 spoke it with a voice strong and sound, in smooth and
 sweet Expressions, applying it unto the account that
 God made of man in making his sonne become man
 (pointing at the day of the nativitie) and the honour
 he did unto man to give him his sonne for nourishment
 into life everlasting, showing thereby that God did
 not leave man to be mortall, visiting him with his grace
 & making account of Him: & then upon the answer,
 Man is like unto vanitie, &c. He touched the
 publicke losse of the Prince; whom he had bred, in
 termes which were neither flattering, nor particularly
 affected, but pure truth and such as did best sute the
 worth of so sorrowfull a subject, touching also a little
 of the gracious visitation which God had made that
 desolate family to feeble, in giving unto it a sonne to
 make it revive in his presence, and in the end con-
 cluded with the necessitie and proffite of the medita-
 tion of Death, that if the sad example of that Prince
 should make young and strong folkes thinke upon it,
 much more old people who could not avoid it
 should. What is man, said he, he is but flesh
 subject to corruption, a flower to day, to-
 morrow out downe & faded, a vapour that
 appeares and suddenly vanisheth as these
 puffs of breath which you see goe from

my mouth. (for the frost that day did visibly
thicken his breath.) Having so edified the assembly
& Himselfe he returned home to his house as health
full and in as good disposition in all appearance as
had been for many yeares, the next day also there was
no change at all seen in his health, but upon Tuesday
the 27. of December he began to complain
a paine beneath his navell. He would not sup but
desired a Glyster, which they endeavoured to give
him but in vaine, for even at the verie first they found
so much resistance that the liquor was returned with
more force then it could be given; That night was
spent in paine and sweet discourse. Wednesday morning
he complained more heavily then before and again
desired a Glyster, which because it procured him no
ease, two Physitians were sent for, whose judgment
was that either the Glysters had not been well applyed
or that there composition was not forcible enough
wherefore they ordained another, and made triall
it two severall times, but to no purpose, a gluey
hardned obstruction had already stopped the passage
unto all remedies, Thursday following they ordained
Pilles of Aloës washed, and on Friday an infusion
of Rhubarbe both which did worke sufficiently
to sturre and trouble all inwardly, but what
was it? No passage was made neither was the

any Expulsive faculty to help Nature, the wind
 shut up within tormented the Patient with great
 paine, his belly began to swell, he durst not drinck
 nor eat fearing to augment that fulnes that troubled
 him, the next recourse was to fomentations & bathes,
 and often to trie Glysters, Though all in vaine, for
 at length the disease grew so high and strong, that
 it could not be overcome by any Cure, and laid the
 Patient in his grave the twelfth day of his sicknes,
 which wee shal here look over again the better to
 followe our cheefe designe.

The verie second day of his sicknes he foresaw the
 nature of it & foretold the issue, Not, said he, that
 I will neglect the ordinaire remedies for
 the satisfaction of my freinds. I will doe
 all that shalbe thought fit, referring the
 event unto the Divine Providence. And
 speaking to his Neere *Mistresse du Moulin*.
 What doe you think, said he, of my disease?
 As for mee I conceive it to be mortall.
 She answered, that the same was also her opinion, but
 if it were so she did not feare any thing for Him who
 was so long and so well prepared to wait upon God,
 and that henceforth his life should be long enough if
 it were crowned with a happy and glorious end;
 He confessed it; and said it was well answered,
 I entreat

I entreat you let your Discours be alwaies
such with mee, continew so with mee day
and night during my sicknes, and promise
unto mee from this time forth, that you
shall not be greaved, nor entertaine mee
with any thing but what may comfort and
strengthen mee, for though I doe not feare
Death, yet I apprehend a litle the paines
of sicknes, seing I have ever been verie
sensible of them. *Then turning himselfe to*
God, great God! *said he,* thou art my father
thou didst give mee life, & a new life; thou
hast taught mee from my youth & I have
shown forth thy wonders, leave mee not
now in my old age, Thou hast hitherto
by a singular favour preserved mee in
health of body, and in all the faculties of
my soule, so that untill this heavy diseale
seased me I found my selfe as able and
strong in the exercise of my calling as in
my green youth, Lord if it be thy will and
pleasure to employ mee any longer in thy
service thou canst in a moment ease mee,
but if thou hast otherwaies ordained be-
hold, I am thy servant, thy will be done,
I only pray thee with my most hearty af-
fection

confession that it may please thee to make
 mee in all things conforme my selfe unto
 thy holy will, that thy good spirit depart
 not from mee, to the end that I may obtain
 the victorie in this combat through thy
 strength, grant Lord, for thine owne sake
 since thou hast employed mee in thy
 worke) that I may die, I humbly beg of
 thee, that I may die, in an exemplary man-
 ner, that I may stand fast in that sound Doc-
 trine which I have preached, that I may
 make a faire confession therof in presence
 of witnesses for the instruction, and edifica-
 tion of thy Church, and that by a lively
 faith I may apply unto my selfe in myn
 owne particular, all the promises of the
 Gospel, that they may be effectuell in mee
 to my Ioy and eternall consolation, so that
 nothing in the world, neither oppression
 nor anguish, may either separate me, or
 make me in the least sort to doubt of thy
 love and favour. Thou knowest my weak-
 nes Lord, & myn infirmities, let not the ex-
 tremity of paine cast me into impatiency
 or murmuring, make it either sufferable,
 or graunt me constancy and patience to
 beare

beare it, let me not sinne with my tongue
and keep the gate of my lippes.

The rest of the day past in paine and remedies to-
gether with visites of his Freinds, the night follow-
ing he earnestly entreated his wife to withdrawe her-
selfe into the next chamber, because shee was troubled
with an extreme cough, and he sought to have Her
as farre as he could from the sight of his paine,
seing her presence did more move his tender com-
passion then any other, there staid only by him his
Neece and two domestick Servants, who should
write downe particularly what he spake that night
and the next Day being Thursday, for without in-
termission with a strong voice, from the abundance
of Grace which God did give him he poured out
a flood of holy Discourses filled with Patience,
Repentance, true Faith, Zeale and burning
Charitie, and truely our memorie cannot reach
them to set all downe particularly, in generall
with an incomparable humilty he implored Gods
mercie acknowledging himselfe a poor and wretched
sinner, renouncing with a high and holy Disdain
all the good that ever he had done in his life, ac-
cusing the whole course therof, of imperfection, and
giving all the honour unto God of the little he had
done, repeating often, God did by me doe
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the worke ; shall I lay open my right-
 busnes in his sight? God forbid , if I should
 iustifie my selfe myne owne mouth should
 condemne me , I will rather confess my
 sinne humbly unto him , I will pray him
 that he augment in me sorrowe unto re-
 pentance , let him bruse this body with
 paine no matter , so he give mee a contrite
 heart and a broken spirit , which may
 be an acceptable Sacrifice unto him , O
 how heartily doe I offer up my selfe unto
 him! accept O Lord this unperfite sacrifice
 and cover the faults therof with the per-
 fections of that great high Priest who by the
 eternall Spirit did offer up him selfe with-
 out blemishe, let me be receaved as a living
 sacrifice holy and pleasing unto God which
 is our reasonable service, Crucifie O Lord,
 this old man , that this body of sinne may
 be brought to nothing.

Let mee once die wholly unto sinne, that
 I may rise again in newnesse of life, let that
 quickning spirit which is in Iesus Christ
 deliver mee from the bondage of sinne &
 of Death , the wages of sinne is Death but
 the gift of God is life everlasting through
 Iesus

Iesus Christ our Lord. *And repeating*
the gift, yea of pure grace & not by work
 but by him that calleth, who shall inter
 accusation against the chosen of God?
 God that justifieth who shall condemne
 Christ is dead for us yea more, is risen
 again and sitteth at the right hand of God
 making intercession for us, *here after in*
rupting his Discourse by a little sleep, hee began
again, I am one of Gods Children hee w
 lave me he hath honoured mee with a ho
 calling, he did not suffer his gifts in me
 to be altogether unprofitable in the edi
 cation of his Church, and indeed I may sa
 truely that I laboured in his service not for
 any dishonest gain but out of a free heart
 and that I was first persuaded my selfe
 the truths of the Gospel which I preached
 to others, yea they were powerfull in me
 found the sweetnes of Gods word and the
 piercing vertue therof which reacheth
 the division of the spirit and the marrow
 and which is the Iudge of the thoughts and
 intentions of the heart. Thou O Lord
 knowest my heart, thou knowest that
 I was never ashamed of the Gospel of Christ

and that I ever accounted it my greatest
honour to be thy servant, I have taken
delight to doe thy will, according as thy
hand was favourable upon me, I acknow-
ledge in all humilty and truth that what-
soever was good in me, proceeded from
thy pure grace, & all the faults I had, were
the faults of my naturall corruption, Alase!
I acknowledge in humilty & unfained Re-
pentance how many waies I have been
faulty in the duties of so holy a calling,
how often have I sinned in omission and
commission, how great hath my negli-
gence been in many occasions, how long
since had I been cast off had I not served a
good Maister, whose lenitie bore so much
with my weaknes, pardoned me so often, &
did not exact of me a strict account in se-
verity, Alase! O Lord my God enter not
into judgement with thy servant, for no
flesh shall be justified in thy sight, let me
not be found clothed with myne owne
righteousnes, but with the righteousness of
thy sonne, for his sake I beg pardon, forgi-
ve me my God, forgive I beseech thee, the
iniquitie of thy servant, who is inclined to

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thy feare, I doe not refuse thy correction
 I know it is needfull for mee, only I pray
 thee with all my soule that it may be pro-
 fitable unto me, correct me O Lord but
 with measure least thou bring me to no-
 thing, let not my triall be more then I am
 able to endure, that so I may not offend in
 impatience, and be a scandale in the place
 that I should edifie others, let me never
 grudge, for my punishment is farre lesse
 then my offence, what are these temporal
 sufferings, in comparision of those eterna
 torments, from which I am redeemed by
 him who powred forth his soule unto
 Death for me, FOR ME, this is the language
 of faith which particularly applies, unto
 itselfe the generall promises. This word
 truth & worthy to be receaved of all, that
 Iesus Christ is come into the world to save
 sinners wherof I am the chiefe, Lord
 beleve help my unbeleefe, turne me unto
 thee & I shall be truely converted, seal
 all thy promises unto my soule, make me
 to heare in the inmost corner of my heart
 that sweet voice, my sonne be of good
 comfort thy sinnes are forgiven thee

And so the Thursday night was spent in holy meditations.

Vpon the Friday morning his Wife asked him if they should send one expresse to the Hagb for his sonne, Doe said He, I am sorie it was not done before this, and having dictated what they should write it was accordingly dispatched, at nine a clock Monsieur Renesse Professour in Divinity and Preacher of the Dutch Church came to see him, & asked him in Latine, worthy Sir how doe you, he answered in the same language, I am yet prettie strong, neither doth my tongue faile, but the passage in my bowells is not yet opened, unto which if it cannot be opened I must goe another way even that which the ever-living God did point out unto mee from my childhood, I were the most ungratefull man upon earth if I did not acknowledge Gods mercie toward me, who so wonderfully preserved me even from my cradle, Relating unto him the dangerous fall which hee had in his infancie, by the slothfull negligence of a serving maid; and conceited, since that time my Mother dedicated me unto Gods service, and he hath abundantly blessed both mee in the whole

course of my life and our whole family. And therefore I put my whole trust in his mercie, being readie to live & to die, I did alwaies think either this should be the cause of my Death, or else the gravell, for except those two diseases I have not had much feeling of any other; I beseech you give this testimony unto all the world, that I die in that faith and Doctrine which both by my preaching and my writings I have maintained, and if I have perhaps erred in any thing, I praied my God that hee would perfite all my imperfections. *All the rest of the day was spent in visites, he would not have that any body should be kept back from coming unto him.* Admit, said He, all such as desire to see me for it becomes a man of my condition to be an example unto others that they may learne to die. *His Discourse unto them was both ravishing and consolatorie;* Come, said He, and see a man who is a mirrour of the great mercies of God, what shall I render unto Him, his benefites are manifold toward me, he hath measured out my whole life, health, he hath heaped upon me his blessings spirituall and temporall, and now be
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lyre the incommodities of old Age over-
 hake me or make me cumbred & peevish,
 did he comes, he prevents me, he calles me, and
 the gives me the grace to goe willingly, and
 for having given me notice of my end he leaves
 had he yet the faculties of my minde free, to
 you he end that I may edifie others, & glorifie
 that is Holy name in the land of the living,
 both pray unto God for me my freinds that this
 have grace may be continued with mee unto
 ed in the last breath of my life, that he will
 oul strengthen my faith, enable my patience,
 rest of rise my hope, behold he hath already by
 e that is grace subdued all my affections unto a
 him full obedience, I have resigned unto his
 e motherly care, my selve and all mine, my
 on to se, my affaires, let him dispose of this
 may die as he shall think fit for the welfare
 us bo of my soule, none can goe out of this world
 , and without paine, this flesh must suffer, it must
 great decay, tis no matter, so I be strengthened
 unt with courage in my soule, and that I look
 ward faith for a better mansion which is not
 life made with hands, which is my only aime,
 ble am not sorie for any thing I leave of the
 w world, I have lived enough, and had time
 for

sufficient to trie all things, and to know
 that all is but vanitie & vexation of spirit
 one thing only is necessaire, to feare God
 and to keep his commandements; for that
 is the whole buslines of man, I now care for
 nothing but that I may cheerfully end my
 race, and the charge which I receaved of
 our Lord Iesus Christ, that is the best end
 of life; and as it is the end so is it also the
 aime unto which the Christian man should
 keep his course. The end of this temporal
 life is the beginning of the life everlasting.
 O happie change! Indeed I feare nothing
 Christ is both in life and Death advantage
 unto me, He doth not forsake me, if he
 encrease the paine of my bodie, he aug-
 menteth also the Ioy of my soule, come on
 I will shewe you what he hath done unto
 my soule, I call'd upon him & he attended
 he hath heard my voice, he hath blotted
 out mine iniquitie as a cloud vanisheth
 as a father is pittifull and tender hearted
 toward his children, so the Lord hath com-
 passion upon all those that feare Him.
Whensoever there was a Preacher in the company
of those that came to see him, he suffered him not

now goe away without first making a praier. Pray, said
Hee, for now is the right time.

At night seing his Wife could not be perswaded
to goe from Him and take her rest, I am sorie,
said He, to see one whom I so tenderly love
and respect, doe more then her weaknes &
Age can endure, and so yeelding to her desire,
Well, said He, stay then, I am glad to see
you, the Lord strengthen you. All that night
from Friday to Saterday past in greevius paine and
servent praiers, for the Church of God and the
Princes her Protectors, for the people under there
command, and for the Pastours having the charge of
there soules. But particularly speaking of this State,
O Lord, said He, withdraw not thy Protec-
tion from these Provinces, remove not
thy candlestick, be not angrie for ever, be-
cause of the wickednes & profanitie which
is growne so great, touch rather the hearts
of thy people with true repentance, con-
vert them that they may prevent thy judg-
ments, & that uniting themselves into one
bodie they may be chiefly united unto
thee, without whom all union is but con-
spiracie, be thou President in this great As-
sembly, encline and bowe there hearts to

take such resolutions as shall be for the good of the State, but chiefly of the Church, inspire their hearts also with thoughts of charitie and acknowledgements towards the young Prince who is only left of those Noble Ancestours whom thou didst employ to build up thy house amongst them, and raise them to that greatnes which now is so considerable in the world. Clothe also that child with the spirit of thy feare of wisdome, of force and magnanimity deliver him from profane wicked men flatterers, and those base servants of filthy lustes and pleasures; environ him with such as love sinceritie & truth, that he may knowe perfectly vertue & vice, to choose the one, reject the other, help Lord for it is high time & the righteous doe decay from among us.

The night being so spent, the Patient was very wearie, both with much speaking and having much suffered in not daring to drink any thing to refresh himselfe for if the great thirst he had did constrain him to let some little moisture goe downe his throat, presently it came up again as out of a vessell overflowing; his body was toiled with the change of remedies, and yet he suffered

thered all patiently, saying sometimes, I told you
 that would not help, but tis no matter doe
 what you think fit for your owne satisfac-
 tion. The next day he was sore cast downe and now
 and then fainted, so that he spake but litle the fore-
 noon, after dinner there came many to see him, and as
 he had a quick eare he heard whatsoever was whis-
 pered in the roome, so that from the Discourses he
 heard, & the knowledge him selfe had of the disease he
 easily gathered that it was the *Miserere mei*. And
 that he was not like to be so soon delivered of it, but
 that he must first expect diverse heavie accidents as a
 burning feaver attended with raving and the voiding
 of the excrements upwards, the apprehension wherof
 caused diverse feares in his minde, and made him
 verie pensive, so that he many times put up short and
 fervent praiers to this purpose.

O Lord, said He, have mercy upon
 me, deliver me from the shame which I
 feare, for thou art mercifull, then knocking
 upon his belly he counted it is a bagge of in-
 mission, a foule sink, the store house of paine,
 humbly thank thee O Lord my God
 that thou switest me in the least noble part
 of me, leaving me yet a strong heart and
 my understanding free, to meditate upon

thy power and goodnes, I beseech the
 Lord continue with me, that unspeakable
 grace, since I doe consecrate my mouth
 unto thee, that I may utter no words but
 of edification praise and thanksgiving, let
 it not be polluted with any filth, but let
 this house of my bodie fall on that side
 where the breach began, and that I may
 look upon it with a holy disdain, a calme
 soule lifted up towards the things which
 are above, unto which I aspire, knowing
 that flesh and blood cannot inherite the
 Kingdome of God, nor corruption incor-
 ruption. *And many times that night he repeated*
 What is man that thou makest so great ac-
 count of him and that thou thinkest upon
 him, he is like unto vanitie, he is but flesh
 a wind that passeth & returneth not, there-
 needeth no more to overthrow the strong-
 est but a filthy excrement, a litle obstacle
 which all the remedies of art cannot re-
 move, Thou hast done it O Lord! it is thy
 will, it is myn also, be it unto me according
 to thy word. I am in thy tender & fatherly
 hands, I feare nothing, Thou art my de-
 fence, my rich reward, *then he repeated the*

*Conte[n]ce in Hebrew, Thou art my lot, saith
 my soule. When those that were about spoke unto
 in any words of comfort, Courage, said He,
 continue those Discourses to strengthen
 me, God will furnish you with what is fit
 for that purpose for he not only assisteth
 the sick person, but those likewise who are
 called to his aide, he is neare unto those
 that call upon him in veritie. Many times
 after did he fall a praying for the Church again,
 Lord, said He, it is thy purchase which
 thou hast bought with thy most precious
 blood, forsake not thine owne work, but
 be thou touched with a holy jealousie, lift
 up thy mightie arme & abate the prid of
 those that persecute thy flock, and chide
 the fainthearted who bind up her wounds
 out lightly, turne again those that are gone
 astray, settle that which is shaken, and di-
 vided, and unite all into one bodie unto
 God, building them upon the fondation of
 the Prophets & Apostles, Iesus Christ him-
 selfe being the chiefe corner stone, and let
 the whole edifice duely squared and pro-
 portioned arise to be a Temple unto the
 Lord. Then after a little pause he began again,
 saying,*

saying, I was one of those builders & brought what I had receaved of the Lord to help the building of that house, & I shall be my selfe also a living stone in that spiritual edifice.

There past never day nor night wherein he did not intermix praiers for the House of Orange. Thou hast smiten it O Lord, said He, let not the wounds therof be unto destruction, let that young CION live in thy sight if it be thy good will and pleasure, thou canst make Him growe up to a faire tree in thy favour and beare good fruit in the due season, let every one acknowledge that this blessing cometh from thee; & that thou alone canst preserve him both in being and in welbeing. What madnes is it to put any trust in man or in the sonne of man who is nothing, his breath goeth out and all his great designes vanish.

Vpon the Sowday morning which was the first day of the New Yeare when he saw the light shine, He said, Lord thou sufferest me yet to see the year begin thou hast measured out my daies to halfe an Age, then having asked what a clock it was and what weather being told

that

it frosz hard, fearing that his Sonne should
 be able to come to him; My God, said He, I
 beseech thee send me my Sonne, that I may
 see him and blesse him before I die, then
 turning toward his Wife, Doe you think, said
 she, that the earnest desire I have to see
 him proceedeth from any carnall affec-
 tion? No such matter, for now I love no
 body more according to the flesh, but I
 do heartily wish his eternall salvation, &
 hope to speake unto him in such a straine
 as shall encourage him unto his heavenly
 calling. I have yet strength of spirit and
 voice, let all those that desire to see mee
 come unto mee for it becometh a man of
 every profession to make open confession of
 his faith when he is a dying, not out of a
 vain glorie, Thou knowest Lord I doe not
 regard the approbation of men, so I may
 be acceptable unto thee, but I wish the sal-
 vation of many, & to give a publick testi-
 monie of the truth and certainte of those
 things which I have publicly preached.
 And indeed that day he had many visites, amongst
 others Monsieur de Vernueil, a French Marquis
 Colonell of a Regiment of horse, Captain Lauder
 a Scottish

*a Scottish Gentleman Captain of a Compagnie of
 foot, one whom he dearly loved, and diverse other Officers of the garnison wherof there were three or foure
 Poitevins unto whom he spake thus, Gentlemen
 I am glad that in presence of you who are
 my Contrinien I may make confession of
 my faith, I pray you keep it in mind that
 you may beare witnes as need shall require,
 for you see here before your Eies
 a man, weake indeed but sincere, and who
 protesteth he never wrote nor preached
 any thing, which was not conforme to the
 thoughts of his heart, and the Doctrine left
 us by the Prophets and Apostles, it is the
 same which is contained in the confession
 of faith of the Church, in the which I
 have lived and will die, The Lord God
 Almighty confirme you in that holy faith
 and never suffer you to fall from it for any
 thing in this world, for what shall it profit
 a man that he gaine the whole world
 if he loose his soule, seeke first the Kingdom
 of God and his righteousness and all
 other things shall be given you besides
 learne to number your daies, to get a wise
 heart, look upon mee and let my example
 teach*

teach you ; it is but eight daies since I
 Ofpreached unto you the frailty of man, being
 then in good health and strong, and now
 you see in my selfe the truth of my Doc-
 trine, truely these visible examples are
 more perswasive then any words, Then
 bidding them farewell he blessed them all saying,
 The Lord deliver you from the allure-
 ments of the world, encrease in you his
 feare, and blesse you with blessings spiri-
 tuall and temporall.

Afterward Monsieur Lauder drawing neare
 unto his bedside he put forth his hand unto him, and
 taking fast hold of his, said, Sir I am verie glad
 to see you, that I may take my leave of
 you, I have alwaies loved you since our
 first acquaintance, and taken you for an
 honest man, my time is now come that I
 must goe, to my God, I die in the faith of
 that Doctrine which he was pleased to em-
 ploy mee (a weak instrument) to Preach
 unto others, live you in the same and be
 confident it is the truth grounded upon his
 written word, I thank you for your civi-
 litie towards mee and the honour and res-
 pect you were pleased to deferre unto my
 Ago

Age and Profession, it was a testimonie of
 your good nature, I entreat you Sir Re-
 member mee heartily to our worthy freind
 Monsieur Spang whom I pray God to
 blesse together with his family, Hee is a
 man whom God hath endowed with great
 gifts, may hee long employ them hap-
 pily to the glorie of God and for the good
 of his Church, I pray God also in his mer-
 cie to looke favourably upon the distressed
 estate of your native Scotland, that hee
 would pardon the sinnes of his people
 there, preserve his Church in the puritie of
 his Gospell, blesse guide, defend, & direct
 your young King that hopefull Prince
 give him to relie whollie and sollie upon
 Him by whom Kings raigne, graunt that
 his subjects may demand no more of him
 then can stand with the eminencie of his
 place to yeeld, and there duty can justly
 challenge, And now Sir for your selfe the
 Lord blesse you, in your person, soule, and
 body, blesse you in your Wife & Children
 that they may be helps and comforts to
 you, blesse you in your profession and
 charge, with honour and credit to the
 glorie

of glorie of his great Name & your eternall
 Reſalvation. *A litle after the Burger-Maſter of the*
Towne Monsieur Snellen, came to ſee him, unto
whom he mildly related his diſeaſe, ſhowing the cauſes
and foretelling the iſſue therof, Bleſſed be God,
eaſaid He, who giveth me to know my end,
I ſhould be the moſt ungratefull creature in
the world if I were not contented with the
meaſure of daies which he hath granted me,
and if I did not acknowledge his aſſiſtance,
his bounty, & Providence in the whole courſe
of my life, and in particular I thanke him
that he did provide a dwelling place for
my old Age in this Towne, amongſt
people who both kindly receaved me, and
from whom I receaved ſo many favours &
ſo much aſſiſtance, that I cannot ſuffi-
ciently thank them, and you Sir in ſpeciall,
whoſe ſinceritie I have found, and in your
perſon humbly thank the whole bodie of
the Magiſtrates, I pray you Sir alſo to tell
them ſo from me, and deſire them in my
name to give me a buriall place for this
bodie large enough to lodge my Wife
alſo, who is like to followe me ſhortly.
And having bleſſed him, and his family, he left him.

Towards the evening he desired to be taken up and set into a chaire where within a litle while he found the swelling of his belly come upward to the hollowe of his brest, which made him think his end was neare, and calling for Monsieur Dauber a famous lawyer he communicated unto him an intention he had to add a Codicille unto his Testament, for which effect the Secretaire of the Towne and two of the Magistrates were sent for, unto whom he plainly shewed his mind, when all was written and signed, he spoke unto them verie worthily of his freely resigning of him selfe and what soever belong'd unto him into the hands of God, being fully assured, that after him, his blessing should be upon all his, that hee was glad to leave behind him a vertuous Wife who carried a motherly & tender affection toward his children. & a sonne on the other side who was an honestman, and one who would keep peace and freindship & be a father unto three litle children over whom by that last disposition he did ordaine him Tutor, He thanked them all generally and the whole body of the Towne, and blessed them every one severally with there families, so when they had left him he went to bed again, and seing there was none staid about him but his owne private family he spoke unto his Neece, and said, Daughter, leave me now continue with me in praiers, help me in my weaknes

weaknes, feare not to speak unto me whatsoever God shall inspire your heart with, or put into your mouth, that sweet & pleasant conference will help mee to passe over this night more quietly, and God will be with us, for he caseth our infirmities he assisteth our good intentions, & furnisheth us with matter of praier and thanksgiving, hee is well pleased and attentive when those that feare him talk of those things that appertain unto their salvation, *Then suddenly being transported, My God, said He,* thou hast allured mee, I have been drawne by thee, Thou hast knowne mee from my Mothers wombe with a mercyfull & powerfull knowledge, Thou didst call me by my name, Thou didst open myne care & have been attentive, I have showne forth thy praise in the congregation, Thy word hath been more sweet in my mouth then honie: What am I O Lord! dust & ashes, in earthen vessell, and yet thou hast been pleased to powre into this vessell a holy liquor, an immortall seed, thou livest O Lord! and thou quicknest mee, I shall not die but live eternally that true life which

is hid with Christ in God. Happy & holy
 is he who is partaker of the first resurrec-
 tion, the second Death shall have no
 power over him, Behold, I am dead and
 I am risen again, I live no more in my
 selfe, but I live the life of the Sonne of
 God who loved mee, and who gave him-
 selfe for me, what shall I say I am farre
 belowe the value of all that righteousnes
 and mercie by which thou hast dealt with
 me, Thou didst choose me before thou
 gavest me a being, thou gavest me to be
 borne in thy Church, of faithfull parents
 and particularly of a holy Mother who did
 dedicate me to thy service from my child-
 hood, Oh, with what care and affection did
 she powre into me the seeds of godlines
 With what wishes and praiers did she dis-
 pose me, That great God who worketh all
 things in us, blessed her endeavours and
 heard her fervent praiers accepting me
 for his servant, I am thy servant O Lord
 Thou hast instructed me from my youth
 and hitherto I have shovne forth thy
 wonders and mercies, thy gifts have not
 bin fruitles in me, Thou performest the

work by weake instruments, Thou hast
 forgiven, thou hast strengthened, Thou
 hast accepted the sinceritie and uprightnes
 of my heart, And now O Lord since by
 all appearance thou wilt take me out of
 this valley of miserie, leave me not in this
 last and most important action if thou wilt
 have me dye at this instant, I am willing, I
 am prepared, my heart is prepared, Lord
 give thee my heart it is all that thou re-
 quirest, accept this present, receave this
 gift, which He offers of Himselfe, unto
 whom thou hast given all, Lord I thank
 thee thou teachest me, Thou enlightnest
 me, thou speakest unto my soule, Lord
 thou embracest me in thy infinite mer-
 cies, let me also embrace thee by a lively
 faith, grant Lord that I may applic unto
 my selfe all the sweet promises of the
 Gospel, which I have preached unto others,
 let them be powerfull in me to uphold me
 in the midst of my paine and strengthen
 me against Death it selfe. *Then turning to
 his neece,* Weepe not, said He, but bleſſe God
 for the patience he gives me, and wonder
 at his goodnes in me, mark well my words

even to the last sigh of my breath, strive to write them downe to the end my Deare Brother & others of my freinds absent may therby be edified and comforted. *When she told Him how she was not able to remember & put in writing such a number of holy Discourses,* Feared not, *said He,* but doe your endeavour God will assist you, if I can I shall write yet a short letter of credit that you may be beleevved, *and still he added,* not for my particular honour, but because I desire it should be knowne to all the world that the Religion which I have professed and preached in the Name of God, is the only true meanes & way to salvation. But especially let my Brother know what inestimable favour I have receaved of God, that he may comfort and strengthen himself in the hope of a better life which I live already, And as I have loved him all my lifetime reverencing the gifts of God in him, so I shall love him to my last, I praise the great God who is the author of every good gift, that he will finish his work in him, make him persevere, strengthen and establish him, guide him by his counse

and at last take him into his rest, I wish the like also to his Sonne Steeven, that he may be a profitable instrument to advance the glorie of God that he may be diligent in the work without reproach, faithfully distributing the word of truth. Lord I doe not only pray thee for my Brother, but for all those whom thou hast called to the conduct of thy Church in France, blesse their persons, pardon their defects, sanctifie their gifts, graunt that they may truly seek the simplicitie which is in Christ, and above all things beware to give glorie unto man, and diminish the glorie of God, who is jealous & powerfull, if I have made it appeare that I was any way offended against some of my Brethren either in my Discourses or writings concerning these late novelties, I heere protest before God, who shall judge me, that I was not caried away with any animositie or personall hatred, but on the contrarie, all those men were my freinds, and because I cherished their gifts and themselves the greater was my greife that I could not reconcile their opinions with the word of God, I pray the

Lord again to give unto them all one and
 the same spirit of peace, to speak all one
 language, and be all of one minde, and that
 the love of Christ may tie and unite them
 so fast unto him, that wee may all meet in
 the unitie of faith, and knowledge of the
 Sonne of God in a perfite man according
 to the perfite stature of Christ Iesus, that so
 following truth with charitie, wee may
 grow in all things in him who is the head
 to wit Christ. Faile not to write unto your
 father also, he is my Brother by a double
 bond of alliance, I have alwaies loved and
 respect him, he has been a profitable ins-
 trument of the glorie of God, and I am
 confident he shall finish his work in him
 to his owne glorie and his eternall salva-
 tion, I am going before him his time
 cannot be long in this life, he hath almost
 reached the goale, yet a litle & God shall
 crowne his labours with an everlasting
 reward; *And with that word transported with*
the thoughts of that reward he cried out, Oh what
 infinite mercy, who is not ravished into ad-
 miration, he gives the being and the well
 being, he distributeth the gifts, he sup-
 porteth

porteth, he pardoneth, he worketh in us the will & the deed, according to the good pleasure of his will, and having given all and wrought all he rewardeth us with an everlasting reward, O Lord so be it, so be it, let it be unto mee according to thy word, according to thy righteousnes and the faithfulness of thy promise. Write also unto your Brothers that I love them and pray for there salvation, as for your selfe Deare Neece, I doe not love you for any poor alliance which is betwixt us, but because we have one and the same God, and are called to one and the same hope, you know how I have loved you, and truly my affection to you was fatherly, in pledge wherof I give you a Bible which you shall find in such a place of my librarie, but particularly I leave you my Deare Wife your good aunt, strengthen her with all your might and help her to beare patiently my absence.

Upon Monday he desired to be taken up that he might write those Letters wherof he had formerly spoken as also to add something to the Codicille which was drawne up the day before; he had yet strength to

be clothed and goe into his study where he took the Bible which he had destined for his Neece and gave it her and to Monsieur Dauber who was present he gave a New Testament in the Arabicke tongue, likewise to Monsieur Hulsius another Book for his use, also he designed one which should be sent into France to Monsieur Rivet of Champvernou his Brother, unto whom he wrote this following Letter.

DEARE BROTHER:

THis is the last that you shall have from my shaking and dying hand, having preached vigorously upon Christmas day, I have been eight daies together in a hard constipation, the expulsive facultie being wholly decayed in mee, wherfore I am resolv'd by the grace of God to die courageously in the midst of my paine & sickness which is great, I fall away, and the day of my dissolution is at hand, My Neece Du Moulin will write downe unto you my last houers & the contentment that God hath given me, I expect my Sonne to give him the charge of his nephewes & my affaires, he will give you account of all, Adieu
Deare

Deare Brother, be mindfull of me all the
rest of your life, who love you and yours
tenderly, continue as you doe to love also
all mine, I pray God to blesse you an
yours I am

*Your most humble and most affectionat
Brother and servant,*

Breda the 2
of Ian. Stilo
no. 1651.

ANDREW RIVET.

*Afterwards he wrote also another to Monsieur
du Moulin in these termes.*

SIR and DEARE BROTHER :

GOD will have you to surviue me, I
write this unto you dying, after a
Sermon I preached upon Christmas day,
wherupon followed a violent retention *sc-*
cium in alvo induratarum, which hath held up
Saburram qua mihi corporis resolutionem cum gra-
vibus doloribus injungit, your Daughter who
assistes me in this agonie, hath promised
unto me to write my resolution, and the
grace

grace that God hath granted unto me, live
you for his glorie & be mindfull of mine,
& of mee who die, Sir and Deare Brother

*Your most humble and most affectionat
Brother and servant*

Breda 2 of Ian.

St. no. 1651.

ANDREW RIVET.

*Having written those Letters he found himselfe
verie wearie and desired to be brought unto his bed
again, that whole day was spent in visites of freinds &
espacially of Preachers unto whom (in sundry lan-
guages) he spoke worthily of his resignation of himselfe
into the hands of God, he made a confession of his
faith unto them, exhorted and entouraged them in
their calling; receaved their consolations, heard their
praiers, & said alwaies he found himselfe much eased
therby, that whole day he longed extreemly for his
Sonne, I am afraied, said He, I shall not see
my Sonne, I desire nothing else in this
world.*

*He was altogether abandoned of the Physitians,
and had been many daies that nothing was either come
out nor gone into his body, a litle after noone an honest
man and one who loved us, moved with our affliction,*

said he, thought it strang to let so worthy a personage who had yet strength, die without using the help of such remedies as were fit and that himselfe knew one who had been eased of the same disease by bathing, through the direction of a Surgeon of the Towne who was a verie able man in his Profession, wherupon he was sent for in hast and found the Patient yet strong enough to endure that remedy, a bath was presently made readie which did much refresh him & allay his paine, the night betwixt Monday and Tuesday past more quietly then the former, the next morning they bathed him again, and then a glister was given him, which seemed to have begun to work, everie bodie that was about the Patient was glad and gave him hopes of recoverie, and we must confesse he had also himselfe if not a desire at least an opinion of it, at night he was bathed the third time, and being laid into his bed he slept softly but alas! scarce had he rested halfe an houre when he was awaked with a paine in his side, a swelling of his belly greater then ever before and likewise a feaver, all helpes were then tried that could be imagined to ease him-by fomentations and onctions but in vaine, then began his plaints to be more heavy and his unrest extraordinarie. His Neece perceaved instantly that there was something more then his bodie pain that troubled him.

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for he sighthed heavily & deep without speaking, whereas, before the greater his paine was the more he discharged himselfe by fervent prayers, it was supper time & she staid by him alone, He asked her with a pittifull voice, Who is there is there no stranger? No said shee, & drawing neare unto him asked whence that unrestfullnes proceeded, me thinks I find something extraordinarie, where is that cheerfulness that made you joyfully to digest your paine, Alas! answered He, how should I be joyfull he that gave me courage is departed from me, that spirit of comfort which filled my soule with peace and loy is offended with mee, for I have listned, unhappy I to those who talked unto me of coming back into the world again, I have been tickled with a desire of life, and how is it possible, it should be otherwaies, after having tasted the sweet fruits of that heavenly Canaan, and conceived by faith those riches above? what shall I now doe? Whether shall I goe, if I call he gives me no answer and even he hath deprived me of the faculty of speech verie neare, what a woefull change! a holy fire had kindled my meditation, and now vain thoughts doe interrupt it, I cannot
forget

forget an old Satire and such idle toys of
no moment so that I fall back whiles I am
hastning to Death. Then falling on her neck,
Deare Neece, said He, cease not still to en-
ertain me with good Discourses, call call
back the comforter, that he may returne &
finish that good work he had so well begun
in me, come again, come againc & streng-
then me before I goe hence & be no more,
His neece then according as Gods assistance prompted
her did furnish him with diverse passages of holy Scrip-
ture, and He every moment did cast in such words as
shewed plainly that his soule did raise herselfe up again
from under that load, scarce had he wrestled three quar-
ters of an houer in that combat when he fell into a
soud, which made her quickly call for his Sonne who
was come that morning, being come to himselfe again his
countenance appeared unto us as cheerfull as it had been
the daies past, and seing all his owne people about him,
together with some freinds who watched by turnes in
the next roome he stedfastly looked upon them and ad-
dressing himself particularly to his Wife, Farewell,
said He, my Deare Heart whom I have
loved better then my selfe, wee have lived
now 30 yeares together in peace and
amity, I thank you for your assistance, you
have

have been a good helper unto me, I did cast
all the care of my houshold affaires upon
you, I entreat you to continue your Godly
love to my child. And you my Sonne,
love and honour this Deare consort of my
life, who has been a Mother to you, I pray
you and command you, if you would have
God to bleſſe you, and that which I have
purchaſed unto you by my labours share
it amongst you according to equitie and
right, without contention or debate, doe
your buſſines with freindſhip & Chriſtian
wiſedome, love peace above all things,
O FREDERIC, ſaid *He alluding to his*
Name, be truly **RICH IN PEACE**. *Then*
taking both their hands betwixt his he joined them
ſaying, Promise here unto mee that there
shall be a holy and mutuall freindſhip
betwixt you, *which they having both proteſted,*
I will beleewe you, ſaid *He*, for I have no
reaſon to doubt of your ſincerity, I know
you feare God and that you will obſerve
my laſt commands as I pray God to make
my bleſſing effectually upon you. *Then*
turning to his Wiſe again, The Lord bleſſe
you, ſaid *He*, my Deare Heart, the Lord
comfort

comfort and strengthen you , he is the husband of the Widdowe and father of the fatherles. *And to his Sonne,* The great God blesse thee my Sonne , lead thee in all thy waies , enrich thee in all Christian vertues, give thee to abound in all spirituall & temporall blessings. Contemne the world and the deceaving hopes therof, for the world passeth away and all the covetousnes of it, let thy chiefe happines consist in the blessing of God , be thou fortified in faith, and furnished unto every good work, may the peace of God rest upon thee, and make thee peaceable and charitable , and those three young children whom I recommend to thy care , will be fit subjects to exercise thy charitie , I doe not only give thee the charge of that small portion of goods which I leave them , but more particularly over their persons , to be carefull of their education, that they may be brought up in Godlines and vertue, and enclined to serve God in the state of life they shall be judged fittest for , *then taking the eldest of those litle ones by the hand , Farewell Deare Child , said He ,* God make thee an honest man, and be unto thee

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thee both Father and Grãdfather , his blessing be upon thee abundantly , make thee to prosper in learning to his glorie, he will certainly doe it if thou be carefull to call upon him, & strive to be diligent, sober, modest, and humbly obedient unto God and thy Superiours , in particular to thy Uncle , who will be a Father unto thee , giving also to thy Mother the respect and obedience which thou owest unto her, loving thy Brother & Sister, & eschewing the compaignie of debauched young people. *Then turning to his Neece , Farewell Deare Neece, said He,* wee have an alliance in the heavens which shall last for ever, the Lord bleffe thee, *And because wee thought that night should have been his last, Monsieur Huls was sent for, and his chiefe freinds , who as they stood about his bed he looked upon them all and telling them of his approaching Death, his willingnes and resolution and how contentedly even with joy he submitted himselfe unto the will of God, he exhorted and encouraged them severally every one according to their ages, sexes and qualities, blessing them particularly together with their families. Then speaking to his Sonne. My freind, said He,* you have lost in a short time
your

your Father & your Master, but God shall be both unto you if his feare take up the first place in your heart, farr be it from mee that I should doubt of his grace towards thee in time to come, I cast all my care upon him, and resigne into his hands my selfe, and all that is mine, my life and my affaires, what is it then I look for or in what lies all my hope? even in thee O Lord. I am full of daies, and desire to be dissolved, that I may be with Christ, it is enough now O Lord! Receave now my soule, and let me leave this bodie to the earth, that I may give up my soule into the hands of God that gave it, *And now and then feeling his paine, He said, I know O Lord that this Tabernacle cannot be destroyed without paine, the heart is yet strong; and I have yet many pangs to undergoe, Lord help my infirmities depart not from me in the day of distresse, say unto my soule, soule I am hee that can deliver thee. Then he repeated that Sentence in Hebrew. The Lord is the portion of my inheritance, after that night, we observed that when any spoke unto him of repentance, and of the mercy of God in the remission*

of sinnes he said still, as for that point, it is done,
 I am reconciled, I am cleansed from my
 sinne through the precious blood of my
 Redeemer, He hath already told mee that
 my sinnes are washed away, I tast alreadie
 of that blessednes. Blessed is the man to
 whom the Lord imputeth not his sinne,
 their is no condemnation unto them that
 are in Christ, He is come unto mee in his
 loving kindnes, he drawes mee & I follow
 him willingly, he easeth the paine of my
 body, & augmenteth the Ioy of my soule,
 he refresheth it with the dew of his grace,
 behold I am filled, I am made rich, man
 liveth not on bread alone, but on everie
 word that proceedeth out of the mouth of
 God, the Kingdome of God is neither
 meat nor drink, but Iustice, peace and Ioy,
 thorough the Holy Spirit, I am fed, I
 am filled by my Saviour, whose flesh is
 truely meat, and his blood truely drink, &
 as hee is the true quickening bread which
 came downe from heaven, so whosoever
 eateth therof shall live by him, & therefore
 I live; it is now two daies that I have not
 lived the life of the creature, But that life
 which

which I shall live eternally in heaven, *That* night he made also a most excellent and fervent praier which for the most part is escaped our memorie; in generall he praied for all men, and complained of the corruption and wickednes of mankind; Alasce! Lord, said *He*, it is the last daies, & hardly is there faith to be found upon earth, the righteous are gone from among the children of men, everie man speaketh unto his Neighbour with a double heart I am werie to dwell in the tents of Kedar, amongst them that hate peace, thou hast setled peace in thy high places, thou givest mee peace, not as the world giveth it, therefore my heart is not affraied the spirit which thou hast graunted mee is a spirit of strength, of love, and right understanding. Toward the morning he found himselfe much weakned and wearie with great paine and long speaking, so that both himselfe & wee all did think it should have been his last houre. Farewell once more, said *He*, my freinds I am going away, look to mee, and cease not to strengthen mee by praiers and exhortations, when I can speak no more I shall strive to give you yet such signes as shall give you testimonie of my

faith and perseverance, which is so fast it
 cannot be shaken, my assurance is in
 heaven, *And having again blessed his family and*
all the compaignie, he lost speech for a while and wee
looked for no more but his last breath, but comming to
himselfe again after a long sowne he began to speake,
and seing the Roomesfull of people, I am wearie,
said He, will they never leave me to rest?
What will all those folkes have of me?
Have I not spok enough? Shall I not have
some respit, one moment of quietnes to
entertaine my selfe with my God, At his
desire everie one went out, and wee durst not come
neare him, fearing to trouble or disquiet him, at last
hearing him complain, his Neece approached to his
bedside and said well my Deare Vncle will you then
be left alone, and not have mee to wait any more upon
you? Alase! replied He, that is the only thing
that I desire, goe not from mee, be witnes
of my last houres, continue with me unto
the end, it is a great comfort for mee to be
at rest, I cannot beare the sight of so many
people, chiefly of those who come only
out of a curiositie to see mee I have said all,
I have done all, Glorie be to God, I am
not sorie for any thing I leave, I have
 praised

praied for peace unto all mine after mee,
 and I am confident it shalbe among them,
 and that you shalbe a good instrument of
 it, for I know you to be of a peaceable
 disposition, I am content, I have no more
 to doe in this world, *then he pronounced that*
Sentence in Hebrew, I have looked for thy
 salvation, O Lord! *His Neece then asked him*
if he did not desire that his Sonne should come by him,
 Yes truely, said He, I thank God that I have
 had the time to see him and bleſſe him be-
 fore my Death, *When his Sonne came neare he*
kindly receaved him putting forth his hand unto him
and repeating what he had formerly said unto him
concerning his Brother he further said, That hee
 was a good man, and one that feared God,
 a man of more solid giftes then outward
 shoue, he shalbe henceforth the honour of
 my Fathers house, I thank God their is one
 yet left to shew forth his praises both in
 word and deed, the blessing of God our
 Father hath been singular upon that branch
 that belongs unto us where their have
 many good & Godly persons been, I leave
 those litle nazarites into the hands of God
 and again recommend them to your care,

Here after a little pause he spok again to his Sonne saying , My Sonne I know you no more according to the flesh all my carnall affections are mortified and swallowed up into the love of God, My love to my Wife and Children is now altogether spirituall , I have praied for you, that you may be sanctified and glorified , are you not glad my Sonne to see my happy end ? What could you wish for more unto mee after a long and prosperous life ? Then a sweet & glorious Death ? Blesse God who gives mee from this verie instant to enjoy peace and joy.

Feare God my Sonne, that is the height of mans happines, be just and upright in all your actions , loving peace sinceritie and truth , and in so doing my blessing shalbe effectuall upon you and your Nephewes. That whole day he past in a prettie calme , no compaignie came to trouble him, he was quiet & slumbred a litle, and seing that wee looked upon him as if he had been asleep, I sleep, said He , but my heart is awake , now and then some of us asked how he was, verie well, said He , I have no paine , I am filled with the mercies of God , I find neither

neither cold nor heat, I doe no more feare
these temporall disturbances, the spirit of
God doth fortifie mee, he furnisheth mee
with store of comforts, I am not troubled
about my salvation, he hath put me into a
place of safety where hee keeps me, he
hath shut me up into his secret place, he
hath compassed me round about with de-
liverance, he hath finished all that be-
longeth unto me I can be no more trou-
bled, I am like unto a clean vessel filled
with cleare water which no tossing can
trouble. Who shall intend accusation
against the elect of God? It is God that
justifieth; who shall condemne? It is Christ
that is dead and which is more, he is risen
again, in his power are the verie moments,
I await the houre which he hath appointed
to say unto mee, come thou good & faith-
full servant & enter into thy Masters joy.
O my God I humbly thank thee that thou
hast granted me the spirit of humiltie, sin-
ceritie and truth, I have not been like a
sounding cimbale, Lord thou knowest all
the corners of my heart, and my most
secret thoughts, thou hast instructed mee

in the Schoole of the Doctrine of truth,
 and I have sought above all things the
 glorie of thy holy Name, I never thought
 that I had any worth or knowledge of my
 selfe, knowing that all my sufficiencie
 came from thee alone, I have alwaies
 laughed at that Mysticke Theologie which
 is but idle talk and words, and tied my selfe
 unto that pure and cleare truth which is
 unto salvation, contained in the Holy
 Scriptures, one only word of the Sonne
 of God who craves the heart, is better then
 all those vainties of men, which are good
 for nothing, & doe but trouble the cleare-
 nes of the Divine sources, O my God
 suffer not the wickednes of men to darken
 the brightnes of thy Word, which hath
 been a lanterne unto my steps and a light
 to my pathes, and which yet guides me, &
 leads me into the dark waies of the shaddow
 of Death, Lord I have been jealous for thy
 sake, I have groaned in secret, seeing the
 malice of some, the boldnes and hypo-
 crisie of others, who did rise up together
 seeking to cast downe that which thou in
 thy mercie hast builded up. O Lord there
 are

are yet some good soules left behind, who
 love the peace of Sion, & who sigh amidst
 these confusions, heare Lord my wishes
 and their praiera, & especially have pittie
 upon thole faire Ilands where the blood
 of so many Martirs hath rune like water,
 turne that people unto thee and to their
 King, give thy judgments unto that poor
 Prince and make him worthy to be heard
 of thee in his just desires, grant the spirit
 of moderation & discretion unto his Coun-
 trimen who have called him, that they may
 exact no more of him then what shall be
 found just in the ballance of thy justice.
These Discourses which began in the evening
brought us to the night, which hee seing did much
wounder, And is it so that I yet live, said He,
 and have the strength to speake? It is God
 that doth it, my strength is renewed that I
 may glorifie my God and exalt his holy
 Name. Lord I am not impatient, I await
 the moment that thou hast ordained, I be-
 lieve, I persevere, I cannot be moved, the
 spirit of God beareth witnes to my spirit
 that I am one of his Children, O Lord
 thou knowest mee even unto my inward
 parts,

parts, I am thy servant, supplie all mine infirmities, end thy work in mee.

Patience and hope confound not, the charitie of God dwelleth in mee, such a charitie, that I earnestly wish the salvation of all men, even of those who have offended mee without cause, I forgive them, there is no bitter gall in mee, and God hath taken away all the bitternes of my heart, hee hath granted me true peace, for my trust is in him.

Vpon the Thursday morning being the 5 day of the yeare looknig upon the light, is it then day said He, I shall shortly see no difference of day and night for indeed I come to the Eue of that great and everlasting day, I am going to a place where the Sunne shall no more shine unto me, but my God shall be my eternall light, Lord thou dost alreadie spread forth some beames of that light into my soule, and thou lendest me eyes to see it, O how powerfully dost thou work in mee, this old man dieth and thou dost cloath mee with the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, according to the Image of him that created him, he is strong,

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ce sees, he heares, he goeth forward a
 great pace, only he longeth to be let out
 and set at libertie; deliver mee out of this
 gaile that I may praise thy Name, I doe
 not so farr sleight this bodie but I doe also
 think upon the renewing of it for I know
 that thy dead shall live, yea and my dead
 bodie also: It is sowne in corruption it shall
 rise again in incorruption, it is sowne in
 dishonour but it shall rise again in glorie, it
 is sowne in weaknes, it shall rise again in
 strength, in a word, it shalbe made confor-
 meable unto the glorious body of our Lord
 Iesus Christ, who was made the first fruits
 of them that sleep, I shall see him in my
 flesh, mine owne eyes shall see him, I shall
 behold his face in righteousness, and shalbe
 filled with his liknes when I shall be awaked
 again, he hath loved me with a hearty af-
 fection, he hath kissed me with the kisses
 of his mouth, he hath put farr from me
 all feare, he hath filled me with peace and
 joy in belceeing, and often he repeated these
 words, *Amor meus Crucifixus est*, My love is
 that was Crucified. O incomprehensible
 love! That which I feale is farr beyond
 all

all expreffion, blessed be the Lord who hath directed my heart unto the love of God & the hope I have in Christ Iesus, *the whole day was spent in holy Discourses, visits, and prayers of diverse preachers.* Toward the evening he found himselfe verie weake & twice or thrice was neare fainting, so thick those fits came upon him, yet did he never wholly loose his speech, but still said, I can doe no more, I am going away Lord come & receive me, make no delay, receive this creature. *About midnight recovering a little strength, he stretched forth his hand to his Wife saying,* Embrace mee once more my Deare heart, I doe not love you any more according to the flesh, but according to the spirit as I have alwaies loved you in the best part, I have lived with you thirtie yeares, in a holy union, you have borne with my infirmities and been a help unto mee, and God hath blessed us together we have found in you good infirmities accompanied with a great deale of piety, *and* that your faith though it were not perfect was never the less according to sinceritie & truth, Be assured my Deare Heart, that God is not a rigorous Iudge, but mercifull

and

and loving, and the chief thing that he re-
 quires of us is that we trust in his mercie,
 for he is gracious & full of loving kindnes,
 behold in mee an example of his mercie
 and compassion, and be you fully confident
 that hee shall show you the like favour,
 wee have alliance in Heaven, it is there
 that God is now carying mee, and there
 will he also bring you that wee may be
 thyned again together forever with him,
 untill which happie houre hee will assist
 you, he wilbe a husband and a father to
 you, your comforter and defender, and at
 last shall make you to find the mightie ef-
 fects of his love. Rejoice therefore my
 Deare Heart, I have praied for you that
 your faith should not faile, Hee will help
 all your infirmities which are indeed good
 ones, I love to see Gods children acknow-
 ledge their imperfections before him, he
 will perfite you wholly, feare not, then
 turning to his Sonne, My Sonne, said He,
 take unto you all that pertaines unto you,
 call upon God for your Father, for he is
 the Father of Eternitie, feare him alwaies
 for that is the chiefe point, seek first the
 Kingdom

Kingdom of God and the righteousness
therof & all other things shalbe given you
besides, have a care of my litle Children
let them be well instructed in their youth,
and avoid wicked compaignie, I trust in
thee Sonne, and assure my selfe that
thou wilt keep my commands with all
thy might and endeavour, May ever truth
be in thy heart, uprighteousnes and sincer-
ritie in all thy actions, keep peace and
unitie with my freinds, and taking many of
them by the hand who were about he desired them to
love his Sonne. Then to his Neece, Farewell, said
He, my Deare Neece God shall blesse you
and he hath blessed you, he hath powred
forth his grace upon you, you have served
your good Father in his affliction and in
him the publick, my blessing be upon you,
I know and doe assure you that you shall
live and die happie, and that you shalbe
with mee in the heavenly Paradice, where
God hath prepared places for us before
the foudation of the world, you have been
a helpe unto mee God shall be so unto you,
feare not but persevere with me in my last
houres. And seing Monsieur Dufayan le Cocq
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Are you there, said He, my Deare Cousin,
 the Lord bleſſe you abundantly, and grant
 that you may walk in his feare all the daies
 of your life, you are come of a Noble house
 unto which I have been highly obliged, I
 pray you write unto your Mother my hap-
 pie end, & to your Brothers whom I pray
 God to bleſſe plentifully, grant them his
 peace, that they ſet not their hearts upon
 theſe things of this world, as for me I have
 been long ſince turned away from the cor-
 ruptible things, and fixed upon thoſe that
 are prepared for me in heaven, every good
 gift cometh from above deſcending from
 the Father of light with whom there is no
 ſhadow of change, I long for thee o my
 God, my ſoule awaiteth for thee, as the
 parched earth, when ſhall I enter and pre-
 ſent my ſelfe before the face of God? come
 Lord, come Ieſus, take me into thy boſome, I
 am ready when ſoever it ſhall pleaſe thee,
 my heart is prepared, my ſoule is readie, I
 doe long for his coming, yet doe I not fret
 my ſelfe, you ſee that by the aſſiſtance of
 God I am not troubled, I await, I beleeve, I
 perſevere, patience is more to be eſteemed
 E then

then knowledge, though hee delay my joy,
 yet I am in the way, and the feelings of his
 favour encrease in mee everie moment,
 my paine is sufferable, and my joy is not
 to be valued, I have no more earthly cares,
 nor any desires but of the things that are
 above, I have seen that when there came
 forth any new Book, I was glad to have it,
 and many times longed when it came not
 soon enough to my hand, I aspired al-
 waies to attaine new knowledge, but all
 those things are now like dust before mee,
 thou O Lord art all unto mee, and to be
 neare unto thee is all my happines, what a
 brave Bibliotheque shall I have in God? in
 whome are hid all the treasures of learning
 and knowledge, I shall no more see things
 a farr off and in darknes, I shall not know
 in part, but I shalbe filled with the know-
 ledge of God, as the bottome of the sea
 covered with the waters therof, Thou art
 the teacher of soules, I have learned more
 Divinitie in ten daies that thou hast visite
 mee, then in fiftie yeares before, thou hast
 made mee goe home into my selfe, I was
 not before, but in the world: I am now

the Schoole of my God and he instructeth mee after another manner then all those Doctors in the reading of whose works I have employed so much time O what darknes, what dullness and vanitie is in whatsoever proceedeth from the wit of man? What vast and larg fields must wee many times walk over before wee can find any pleasing fruit? But thy Doctrine O Lord my God is all sufficient and plentifully furnished with good fruits, my soule is filled therewith as marrow and fatnes, I renounce heartily all other knowledg, and hold fast only unto that, Iesus Christ and him Crucified. I thank thee O Lord, that thou hast hidden those things from the proud and high minded, and hast revealed them to the humble, *And then he Paraphrased expressely that passage,* This body is weak but the spirit is enriched. *Then turning again to his Sonne,* My Sonne, *said he;* the Lord blesse thee more, & more it is a great comfort for mee to see thee by his mercie, it was my wish ever since the Lord did smite mee with this disease thou art the youngest of my Children, and thou art left the last upon

earth thou shalt be my Benjamin, and God shall blesse the charge I have committed to thee & be thy helper in all things. The Lord blesse thee in his Israëll, together with thy Nephewes, & that with spirituall blessings, for they bring on all other, thank God that hee hath given thee grace to see my last Agonie it is an *Aγών*, a combat, but a sweet combat, for the comforts of Gods spirit are manifold in mee, enough my soule, rest thou in God, who is thy Saviour. *Afterward hearing the clock strike, he asked what boure it was, and being told, He thus continued,* Time runnes away and wee runne out, but on the contraire we are established, and fastned by the mercie of God, *then beating upon his brest, Here is inward Joy, said He,* by the spirit of God dwelling in mee, what am I O gracious God? that thou daignest to dwell under my poor roofe? It is thy will O Lord! so is it myne also, let thy good spirit dwell in mee unto the end. *So that night past over untill Friday the poor Patient was verie and had a great thirst, but durst not drink, and at everie moment like to give up the ghost, Hee longed for his deliverie with a great desire, but hee* had

had not yet done, there rested yet more then foure and twenty houres , and those of the most painefull.. Towards day his Sonne had gone to rest a litle , and being come to him again after a litle while , Good morrow Sonne , said He , I am glad you have got a litle rest , help mee up a litle , which done he continued, saying, God will accept of this service, I should have thought my selfe happie if I could have served my old Father, who was a verie honest man , I had also a good and Godly Mother unto whom the whole Family was much obliged , she had a holy ambition , a fervent charity , Sonne I am glad to see you I have many things to say unto you Remember to tell the Dowager Princefles that I die their most humble and faithfull servant , and that I recommend unto them as much, as I am able the Institution of the Illustrious College in this Towne , which is an honour to their Noble House , and the memorie of the founder, unto whom I was highly obliged in myn owne particular, That Great Prince who first called me to his service , did heap favours upon mee , and I may say without vanity honoured me with his love, of which

he could give mee no greater Testimony
 then in committing unto mee, the first edu-
 cation of his onely Sonne, that young
 Prince who hath been snatched from us in
 the flower of his Age, even then when His
 House & the State had most need of him,
 truly he was a Prince who had great
 gifts, and whom I found capable of good
 things and Godlines, I am confident God
 was mercifull to him, his bounty hath not
 been wholly with drawne from that House,
 having raised up a Sonne into it, in whom
 it may rise again. The great God bleſſe
 and preserve that young Plant, bleſſe his
 education, give him grace to growe in age
 & all the gifts & graces of his spirit, make
 him an instrument of his Glorie, and an
 example of his favour, I pray thee bleſſe
 O Lord God thee two Princesses likewise,
 His Mother and Grandmother, grant that
 they may peaceably agree in all things for
 the welfare of the Childe & State, that they
 may be guided and directed in all their af-
 faires by the spirit of thy feare, being
 strengthened in faith and every good work
 I hope they shall remember my services
 and

and the Zeale I had for the welfare of that Noble House, if not, my trust is in God. Then after halfe an houres silence or there about he continued his Discours in this manner. Heare the praiers of thy servant O Lord which hee putteth up unto thee for that Childe, let him be blessed & sanctified from his tender youth, let not the wickednes of the times pervert him, let him live in thy sight, & let righteousness and integritie preserve him. He praied also for the Princesse Electrice of Brandenburg, and all the Princesses her Sisters, that God would adorne them with all vertues Christian and Morale, and be with them unto the end of their daies. His paine encreasing they could not get the whole thred of his Meditations persue, yet they could perceave by his countenance & gesture that he praied continually, and uttered some words aloud, which made them that were by see clearly what thoughts possessed him the while, as, yes Lord, and, I beleeeve so, it is my Ioy, and God is above all, he will doe his owne work, I have no more share in any thing that is done under the Sun, but I wish the Church may be in Peace in all places.

PSALM: 51. VERS. 18.

Lord unto Syon turne thy face,
 Powre out thy mercies on thy Hill,
 And on Ierusalem thy grace,
 Build up the walles and love it still.

I am of that Sion, have mercy upon mee,
 deale with mee after thy loving kindnes,
 I am suffocated, I can doe no more, the
 Lord casteth me downe, but he draweth
 my soule unto him, the best is, I am not
 troubled about my saluation, God gives
 me the strength to hold out miraculously
 to the end I may edifie unto my last, I am
 well content O my God, let me never
 grudge, what are all these sufferings in
 regard of that grace thou givest me? To
 take in good part whatsoever thou sendest,
 Thou temperest these short bitterneesses
 with unspeakable comforts, Thou speakest
 unto my soule with a sweet voice, which I
 understand for I am of thy sheep, my sheep
 heare my voice and I know them & they
 follow mee, *to this purpose he began the 23. PSAL.*
in Hebrew, and made one that was present repeat it,
pronouncing himsele the last words, And my ha-
bitation shall be in the House of the Lord

for

for a long time, then seeing that all the compaignie
 listned unto him, He said, Wonder not, I can
 doe nothing of my selfe, it is God that
 worketh all in all, that all may be humbled,
 heere is the Schoole of humilty, looke
 upon mee, and Remember the mercy of
 God in mee, see how he casteth mee downe
 with his mighty hand, to exalt and glorifie
 mee when it shall be time, the sufferings of
 this world are not to be weighed with the
 glorie to come, which shall be revealed in
 us, it is my delight that I can glorifie God
 even in Death, sweet Death? it is a passage
 unto life everlasting. O Lord strengthen
 the soule of thy servant, that he may re-
 maine constant unto the end; I hope this
 combat shall not be long, end Lord that
 the end may crowne the work. *That morning*
one of his Physitians came to see him, called la Croix
a Romane Catholicke, who asked him if hee had not
yet a good heart, Yes truely, said He, for I am
in God & God is in mee; and then continuing,
Well Sir said He, it is a litle crosse that God
hath sent mee every man must beare his
owne crosse, and follow Christ Iesus who
hath suffered so much for mee, He that
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had not deserved it, it is that crosse that gives me hope. He is a gracious Lord who will not enter in counte with his poor servant, Christ is dead for my sinnes and risen again for my righteousness, *A litle after a young Duch Preacher, by name Winkelmans drew neare and spoke unto him in Latine, He answered him diverse times after some intervalles, thus, The Lord strengthens mee, and will preserve mee from all evill, I thank my God for the unspeakable favour he sheweth mee, he helpeth mee in this work; he hath ever been with mee even unto this extremity. And having alledged unto him these words of the 2. Timothie 4. vers. 7. and 8, I have fought the good fight, &c. He cried out. O! welcome Crowne I looke for nothing else, God dwelleth in mee by his holy Spirit, which shall never be taken from mee: Lord grant that I may keep thy commandments, then being exhorted to patience he answered, Wee cannot, wee ought not to gainstand the will of God, O everliving Father of our Lord Iesus Christ I humbly thank thee for all thy blessings, and that it was thy good will & pleasure that I should show forth*

forth thy praises even unto my old Age;
 grant that I may persevere unto the last
 breath of my life. *The same person being come*
again to see him at another houre said unto him in
Latine, are you yet fighting the good fight? *wher-*
unto he answered; In hope and patience I am
 wholly with God and my Saviour Iesus
 Christ, I am assured he shall keep my
 pledge untill that great Day of the coming
 of the Lord. *Even come Lord, then thanking*
him, said, I thank you for your Godly
 Praiers and doubt not but God shall heare
 them, The Lord blesse you and make you
 a most powerfull instrument of his Glorie.
After a litle he continued, God hath fulfilled
 all his promises in mee, I have seen them
 a farr, beleevd & welcomed them, I only
 expect now to give up my last breath unto
 God, he hath taken possession of my heart,
 I feele it, hee dwelleth plentifully in mee,
 There resteth no more but that he give
 mee the wings of an Angel to flie unto that
 dead bodie:

O Holy Word enable mee,
 With longing heart to thee to flee.

Towards

*Towards night his mortall anguish encreased
 verie heavily, with greevous paine in his bowells,
 often swoonings, & all the Symptomes of an aproching
 end, yet in all that weaknes his faith was still fortified
 and his Patience augmented, Be not sorie for
 mee, said He, these last houres have nothing
 terrible, this body doth indeed suffer, but
 the soule is comforted, strengthened, and
 filled according to my wish, The Lord is
 my shepheard, I shall not want, his rod &
 his staff shall lead mee safely thorough
 this short valley of the shaddowè of Death,
 this litle cloud doth not hinder mee the
 sight of the light of heaven, it shineth al-
 ready in my soule. Lord thou enlightnest
 mee, thou warmest mee, thou drawest mee
 upward, and I follow the willingly, I lift
 up my selfe with the wings of faith, the
 more violent my paine is, the more I draw
 neare unto my deliverie, my wound, my
 wound smarteth, but I did hold my peace
 because it was thou, that didst it. Have
 mercy upon mee, deliver mee O Lord, I
 am not impatient, I know that God is
 faithfull, and that he will give the temp-
 tation an issue so that I shall be able to
 endure*

endure it, Then as he looked upon his Wife.
 Deare Heart, said shee, I blesse and rejoyce to
 see his grace in you. It is well done, answered
 He, My Deare Heart, the Lord confirme
 and augment your Ioy for mine is com-
 pleat, I am glad you see the end of my
 conversation, you know mee, and that I
 hate ostentation, though some have attri-
 buted more sufficiencie unto mee then I
 found in my selfe, I knew min owne infir-
 mities, and that all the good that could be
 in mee came not from my selfe, To God
 be the glorie, He it was that did the work,
 and O Lord, Crowne thy work, I doe not
 grudge at my sufferings, nor have I flat-
 tered my selfe in my sicknes, I thought at
 first that God would call mee, and is it not
 time my Deare Heart? Be not sorie, I am
 going before you, beleeve mee you shall
 shortly followe you have been a good
 helper unto mee, and have assisted mee to
 be charitable, God will blesse you, God
 will save you feare not, I thank you for
 your great love to that litle Childe, *showing*
his grand Childe, Love mee yet in him, it is a
 Childe that hath no wickednes in him, if
 he

he be but well directed, I hope well of him,
then speaking to the Childe, Give me your
 hand my Sonne, *said He,* behold thy Grand-
 father upon his Death bed, Thou hast lost
 thy Grandfather by the Mothers side who
 was an honest man, and now thou loofest
 thy Grandfather on the Father side, But
 thou hast a Grandfather in Heaven who
 will never faile thee, I hope my blessing
 shall be effectuell upon thee, *and taking the*
Childe into his armes, My litle Childe, *said He,*
 pray earnestly unto God and thou shalt be
 like unto a faire and great tree planted by
 a river of cleate runing water, put forth
 good branches and beare good fruit, my
 meaning is that thou have the feare of God,
 and thou shalt have wisdome, prudence &
 understanding, be good, and a well doer,
 eschewing evill compaignie, and God shall
 blesse thee, thou shalt not be left alone,
 see, there is thine Uncle who shall be a
 Father unto thee, be fully obedient unto
 him, as likewise to thy Grandmother and
 Mother, whom I pray God to blesse, to-
 gether with these other two that are left
 her, may her Posthume boy that carie

my name; one day be like unto mee, and exceed mee, These holy purposes were sometimes interrupted by a litle slumber or by the Praiers of some Preachers who came to see him, He receaved them with a heartie affection, heard their consolations, and did mutually comfort them, He gave a diligent eare to their Praiers, and ordinarily at the end thereof said he found himselfe eased, therby He thanked and blessed everie one particularly with such blessings as were fit for them.

About supper time He thinking on Mistris Schuerman, She is, said He, a person unto whom I have alwaies consecrated a sincere love and affection and she hath alwaies honoured mee with a holy amitie and the name of Father, I give her for a litle token of my fatherly affection a litle Bible without points Plantins impression, which you shall find in such a place of my Studie, if I had as much strength as good will left mee, I should write unto her with my dying hand some testimony of the respect & account I make of the admirable gifts of God in her, But my Sonne. said He, you shall supply that defect, and shall let her know my happy end, and that I pray God to strengthen

strengthen her in his heavenly calling;
 prolong her daies with his blessing, & give
 her grace to end her course happely. What
 remaineth now more? Have I not said all?
 There is now no more to be done, but to
 give up this soule into the hands of God, is
 it not time O Lord? My God let this suffice
 O everliving God receive my soule I re-
 signe it into thy hands.

For Thou hast ransom'd mee

O God of Veritie.

Thou art my hope and my trust from my
 youth, I am no more troubled with any
 thing he hath delivered mee from the
 shame that I feared, (*it was that casting forth of
 the excrements by the mouth an ordinary Symptome
 in such a sickness, which hee had been affraied of.*)
 He will now shortly put an end to all that
 belongs unto mee to his glorie and my
 eternall salvation, if he delay any longer
 my deliverie, it is for your good and edi-
 fication. Be not you wearie of my suf-
 ferings but rather thank God who sendeth
 downe upon mee his wished dew and
 maketh my heart glad, rejoyce yee ther-
 fore with mee and pray. *Then asking what*

*clock it was, He said to his Wife and Sonne, I pray
 you goe and take some refreshment, for I
 have not yet ended, & I want nothing,
 my Neece shall stay with mee, and shall
 likewise take some meat to strengthen her,
 When they were with drawn into the next chamber,
 there was meat, brought for his Neece which he en-
 couraged her to take, As for mee, said He, my
 food is to doe the will of God, and to end
 happily my race, I am fed with holy and
 heavenly things, My Father giveth mee to
 eat of that food which hee lately offered
 unto mee at his holy Table, I have eat and
 am filled, the true eating is of the soule, and
 that which preserveth the true life, then
 giving his hand to his Neece, I love thee,
 said He, with a spirituall love, with a love
 of true charitie and dilection: Wee shall
 spend the night together in holy Medita-
 tions, speaking unto one another in Psalmes
 praises and spirituall songs, singing and
 praising God with our hearts. I find this
 swelling come upward, and am affraied I
 shall not be able to speake any more, goe
 not away from mee, speak unto mee what-
 soever God shall put into your heart, and
 I will*

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mouth,

mouth, for feare I should forget in my last weaknes, and I will assure you that God shall abundantly furnish you wherewith to strengthen mee in my necessitie, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. *His Wife and Sonne being come to him again, Pray all for mee, said He, that I may be joyfull having good soules about mee, His great and greivous paine made him often to break out into cries or rather fervent praiers, as :*

O Lord on thee I call and crie,
Be pleased therefore to make hast
And hearken to my voice at last

For tis to thee I call and pray.

Look upon my sorrow and my sufferings,
and pardon all my sinnes, *if at any time such a word escaped him, then presently hee added, It is done he hath done away mine iniquities, shorten therefore and lessen my paine, O Lord heare my praier for it is time.*

Behold, heere is the happie day

Which God unto our wish hath sent,

Let us rejoyce therin I say

With pleasure & true hearts content.

What sowre angwish?

But what sweet refreshment?

I never

I never found distresse or paine ;
 But still I did most plainly find ,
 God bountifull to me and kind .

They never ceased to entertain him with some passage of Scripture unto which he alwaies made such answer as shewed his zeale, faith, and patience, they told him that God was neer unto those that called upon him, in truth, He is, said He, he dwelleth within heere, knocking upon his brest. He worketh powerfully according to his good pleasure, then they repeated unto him that passage Death is swallowed up in Victorie, which he ended, with saying, Thankes be to God who hath given us the Victorie through Iesus Christ, then that passage, those whom he hath predestinated, he hath also called, whom hee hath called, hee hath justified, & whom hee hath justified them he hath also glorified, Yes, said He, grace upon grace, O what a lovely chaine? It is a golden chaine, there resteth no more but the last link to be finished in mee, end it therfore Lord and Crowne thy work, let me die, O let mee die the Death of the Iust, that I may behold those riches which eye hath not seen, and are not entered into the heart of man, Thou givest mee some taste of them already,

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ready, they are sweets, they are refreshings,
 not to be exprest, *Then Monsieur Huls asked if*
he did not thinke it fit that they should pray. Yes,
said He, pray for the time doth require it,
and praiers being ended he thanked him saying.
 You have helped mee while you were
 calling upon God I have found ease in my
 infirmitie, encourage mee still, I have but
 a short race to rune, I touch almost the
 goale, I advance, I recover new strength,
 I touch the prise, and lay hold upon ever-
 lasting life, this bodie decaies but I have
 an eternall house in Heaven which is not
 made with hands, an uncorruptible inhe-
 ritage, which cannot be defiled, nor fade,
 reserved for mee in Heaven; *About midnight*
his paine encreased which made him crie out bitterly
& call upon God to help him, Come Lord Iesus.
 come, I can doe no more, yet I doe not
 loose patience, my soule awaiteth for thee,
 as the drie earth for raine, As the Hart
 panteth after the water brook, so panteth
 my soule after thee, O God, O when shall
 I enter & present my selfe before the face
 of my God? I am extreemly weakned, but
 my soule is strengthened & joyfull, *A sudden*
faintnes

faintnes did then overtake him, which made them instantly call for Monsieur Lydius a Dutch Preacher of the towne whom he loved, and who had visited him diverse times, unto whom he spoke in Latine as he doth here testifie.

The Right Reverend Father in God Dr. Rivet, during his sicknes, did many times call for mee, as his old Scholler at Leyden, where he did first exhort mee to goe on in the course I had begun with sweet and loving words, showing that he was verie glad to heare the good affection the Church of Breda had towards mee, assuring mee and mine of ablesing from above, Wherefore I entreat you, said He, to give mee the right hand of fellowship and be diligent in your vocation, Afterwards he made an excellent confession of his faith with a loud voice, wherein he showed upon what grounds the Reformed Religion, which hee had so stiffely defended both by his Preaching and pen, was built, for the obtaining of consolation in life and Death, which the poor Papists could not have, and repeated the first Question & Answer of the Heydelbergs Catechisme, What is thy only comfort in life and Death? &c.

And when I added some choice passages of Scripture out of the Old & New Testament, he repeated them either in Hebrew or in Greek, I told him that

I did not doubt but with the first Martyr Stephen he saw alreadie the Heavens open, he answered with a cheerfull countenance, O I have long agoe seen it.

I excused my selfe that being ignorant of the French tongue I could not pray with him and that the compagnie about him did not understand the Latine. Pray you, said He, in that language which is familiar to us both, which I instantly did, and prayers being ended he thanked mee, saying, The spirit of God hath spoken out of your mouth, & you have strengthened mee verie much, I pray you be mindfull of mee in your publick prayers in the Church.

The next day being verie sick he had desired to be quiet, and no body should come to trouble him; Nevertheless when Mistris Du Molin heard my voice she brought mee to his bedside where he received mee with a freindly countenance saying, I am glad you are come, I then told him that it was now time to cast all his cares upon God, & that hee should not trouble himselfe with any thing more, He answered mee, Tis so, & there is nothing now that I think upon, only I long for the coming of my Saviour, yea his speedie coming, that I may be delivered from this body

bodie of sinne and be with Christ, who is
gaine unto mee in life and Death I em-
brace Christ by faith, I am oppressed, but
I am in the hand of my shepherd, I em-
brace my Saviour Iesus Christ, and now
all my desire is to be with God. *After he had
spoke these words and some other to that purpose when
I would have taine leave of him he desired me again
to pray, which done, He with a sigh said, O how
sweet is that!*

*When the last day of his life was come, He bid
them send for mee about two of the clock in the
morning, and when I came to his bedside, he tooke
mee by the hand, wherupon I said yet a litle, and he
that is to come, will come, & he incontinent replied,
And why should hee not come? and presently
added, Yea hee is come.*

*This I attest MARTINVS LYDIVS,
Preacher of Breda.*

*About three a clock in the morning, his Wife
came by him and seing his countenance look like
Death, shee said unto him cheerfully, Farewell
Deare Heart enter joyfully now into life everlasting.
Yes, said He, I am going to thy God & my
F 4 God,*

God, wee have gained all, Amen, so be it.
 Farewell my Sonne, Farewell my Deare
 Neece, be not affraied, I have praied for
 you, you shall be all happie, perlevere, let
 none take away your Crowne from you,
 I goe before, you shall followe doubt not,
 wee all shall goe together and meet our
 Lord in the aire, and so shall be with him
 for ever, there is no more to be said nor
 done, I am readie, I am prepared, come
 Lord Iesus, take thy Creature, come, I
 climbe, I hope, I knock at the gate, Open,
 Open, Lord unto thy poore servant. *His*
burthen did visibly encrease accompagined with a deadly
slumber, and aratling, the chamber was full of people
and many thought it fittest to leave him without any
more speaking, seing he had no more to say, after a
full confession of his faith, at five a clock every body
left him save only M. Lydius, who stayed with-
out speaking to see his last breath goe out, and make
the last praier, But seing it was eight a clock in
the morning and no appareance of change, he thought
that languishing might last till night because his pulse
was yet strong, wherfore he absented himselfe also
promising to retorne upon the first call; His houshold
servants only staid by him, not daring to trouble him
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with any talke, doubting if he could speak any more, seing his paine was great and his molish was open the freinds did so much that they drew away his poor Wife from his last agoine, his Sonne and Neece staid by him, not thinking that any thing more should come out of his mouth but the last breath, nor did they expect that should be so Soon, at halfe nine his face changed collour, and they perceaved some litle contractions, his Neece asked him whether he did yet understand, O yes, said He, speake. as complaining that they had been so silent the while before, well then said shee, are you not verie joyfull? Yes, said He, With a voice well to be understood, there is a fast assurance in mee, and making a signe to be lifted up, his Sonne and Neece took him berwixt their armes to help him, and hee looking yet upon them said, Help mee I am going, these two persons were so moved and transported with the alteration of that good soule dying, that God did of a sudden furnish them with abundance of passages fitted & as they had been chosen for the purpose in such an occasion, which he heard with Joy and greedinesse, saying sometimes, Yes, and then, Amen, sometimes also he would end a passage-begun, as this:

PSALM 36. VERS. 7.

O Lord how great thy favours be,
To them that put their trust in thee.

And in the shaddowe of thy winges.
With full desire thou fillest them
And in thy pleasures purest streame

He concluded,

To drink thou dost them call and
And this, bring.

Thrice happy bee whom thou do'st choose.

Neere thee to dwell and stay,
That he may flee unto thy house,

He added,

And there remaine for aye.

Then beginning the first words of the verse following,
to the end that they should goe on, he said,

Wee shall be filled plenteouſlie

With riches of thy Glorie great,

And in thy Sanctuary on high,

He ended,

Wee all abundantly shall eat.

His sonne saying that he was sorie they were alone,

I am not alone, said He, God is with mee,

be then thyne owne Evangelist, thou hast receaved

the Ministrie of Reconciliation, declare unto thy

soule the message of peace. I doe. said He. and my

soule

soule beleeveth, feare nothing then whosoever
 beleeveth in Jesus Christ shall not perish, But have
 life everlasting. In their prayers they sought that
 God would send his spirit of comfort. He is come,
 then give unto thy servant a full feeling of thy
 favour. He hath done it, give him an apparrell
 of salvation, He hath given it, that is well, enter
 then good and faithfull servant into thy Masters joy.
 He calleth thee, He stretcheth forth his armes unto
 thee, at that word he raised up himselfe and opened
 his armes, then fortifie O Lord! more and more the
 faith of thy servant in this last extremity, that he may
 see thee, heare thy voice, lift up himself and lay hold
 upon life everlasting, Yes Courage. Come let us
 goe unto the Throne of grace, and obtain pardon.
 That is done, said He, leave then cheerfully this
 body to the earth, and resigne thy soule into the hands
 of God. Who gave it, said He, take up the shield
 of faith and all the armour of God. I have them
 answered hee, and withall began that passage,
 I have fought the good fight, they helped him
 in the rest I have ended my course, I have kept the
 faith, as for the rest, the Crowne of Righteousnes
 is laid up for mee which the Lord the just Judge
 shall give unto mee in that Day, He added, He
 will doe it. Also that, behold the moment of deli-
 verie,

verie, O Lord give wings to thy servant, open unto him thy Paradise, let him be receaved to behold thy face, then He added, With the foules of the Iust sanctified. Let him receave that white stone, that hidden Manna. And let him beare a part in that song which none understandeth but he that singeth it. So be it, Amen. While these last Discourses lasted, two or three good freindes of the House came in who were eye witnesses of his happy end. But the two Preachers, Lydius and Huls, who were sent for came too late to heare him speake, onely they made ashort Praier, after which having lain a while with his eyes and hands lifted up to heaven, One of the compaignie said, I beleeeve at this instant He enjoyes the vision of God, then he forced himselfe to say, Yes, and almost with the word sweetly gave up the ghost, at halfe ten a clock in the forenoon, upon Saterdag the 7. Day of Jan.the in Yeare 1651. at Breda, in the 78. Yeare and sixth Month of his Age.

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